(*a*) whether a record is maintained in the Huzur Office to register the names of applicants for appointments to the superior grade in the several departments of the State ;

(*b*) whether there is any rule requiring heads of departments to forward to the Huzur Office periodical lists of such applicants ; and

(*c*) whether the Government scrutinise the selections for appointments made by heads of departments from those lists ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*)

Timber Supply Contractors.

228. MR. A. GOVINDA MENON (*Alangad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(1) whether there is no rule that timber supply contractors or their relatives should not deal in timber ; and

(2) whether most of the contractors for the extraction of timber or their near relatives are not also dealers in timber ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) There is no rule to this effect, but when a supply contract is given to anyone, provision is made in the agreement that he or any undivided member of his joint family should not trade in timber during the currency of that contract.

(2) The answer is in the negative.

Abandoned Forest Roads.

229. MR. A. GOVINDA MENON (*Alangad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are any forest roads once constructed at great cost, but now lying practically abandoned, and in case there are such roads, whether they will give the length and location of such roads and the reasons for so abandoning them ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : It is reported that no forest roads opened at great cost are now lying abandoned.

Survey Plans of Reserve Forests.

230. MR. A. GOVINDA MENON (*Alangad* cum *Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(1) whether plans have been prepared by competent survey authorities for any demarcated reserves in the State ;

(2) whether, in case such plans exist, they are available for sale to the public ;

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